The Government of India has also set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice V.S. Malimath to suggest measures to revamp Criminal Justice System in the country. The Report of the Committee is awaited.

In addition to above various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of criminal cases. These include increase in the number of posts of Judges/Magistrates, establishment of Special Courts/tribunals, Fast Track Courts, computerisation of courts and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.

Disappearance of Companies after mobilisation of money from share market

†844. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have mobilised money from share market after implementation of economic liberalization policy in the country and have either disappeared or declared themselves sick;

(b) if so, the number of such companies during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the amount so mobilised from the common investors of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 958.90 crores is alleged to have been collected through public issue by 176 such companies.

Advocates Appointed to Plead cases of Government in Foreign Courts

†845. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the advocates are appointed to plead the cases of Government of India which are in the foreign courts;

(b) if so, the total number of advocates appointed till September, 2001 and the names thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.